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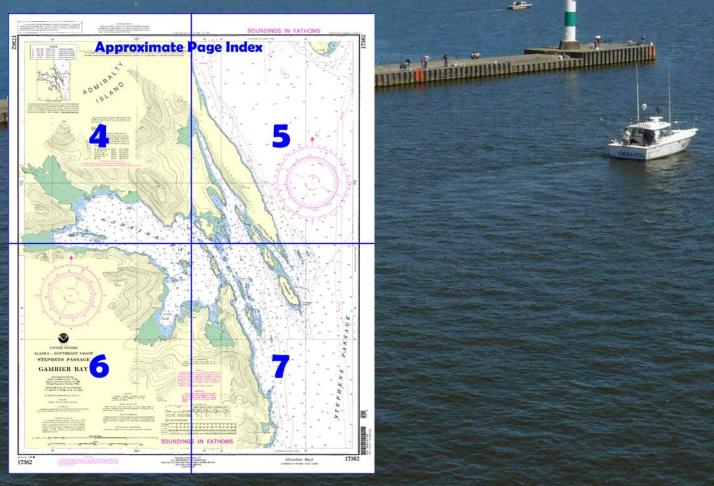
### Stephens Passage – Gambier Bay NOAA Chart 17362



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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Gambier Bay has its entrance on the W
side of Stephens Passage, about 8 miles N
of The Brothers (chart 17360). There are
numerous islands and ledges in the
entrance, but with the aid of the chart it
can readily be entered in the daytime.
Point Gambier, NE point at the entrance
to Gambier Bay and the SE end of Gambier
Island is marked by Point Gambier
Light (57°26'08"N., 133°50'27"W.), 38 feet
above the water and shown from a

skeleton tower with a red and white diamond-shaped daymark. The bay is irregular in shape and is divided into two parts by a chain of narrow islands and reefs. The outer bay, which extends from Point

Gambier about 7 miles in a NNW direction, is about 1.7 miles wide at the entrance; its N end is an inlet that affords anchorage in 15 to 20 fathoms, soft bottom. Anchorage in 6 to 17 fathoms, mud bottom, can be had N of **Good Island**. It can be approached without difficulty, but care should be taken to avoid the foul ground that extends off the NW point of Good Island.

**Romp Island** is about 0.4 mile NW of Gambier Island with ledges between.

The chain of islands and reefs, including Chapel Island and Price Island, paralleling Gain Island and the mainland at Church Point divides the outer part of the bay into two passages. In navigating the passage west of this chain care should be taken to avoid the bare rocks, that extend 165 yards out from the point, 0.5 mile SSE of **Church Point**.

**Currents** have a velocity of about 3 knots in the passage between Church Point and Gain Island, and some swirls occur around the ledges E and N of Gain Island.

Price Island is 680 yards from the W shore of the outer bay. A rocky shoal with a least depth of 5 fathoms is about 1 mile SE from the S end of Price Island, with deep water between it and the ledges, that have a number of bare heads, that extend 0.6 mile SE of the island. A large, conspicuous, gray boulder on the S ledge is a good landmark.

Chapel Island, small in extent, is about 0.8 mile N of Price Island. A rock that bares 1 foot is about 0.4 mile E of Chapel Island. Ledges extend about 0.9 mile NW from the NW point of Chapel Island to a channel about 450 yards wide. The reef on the NW side of this channel is marked by Gambier Bay Entrance Light 2 (57°27'54"N., 133°55'13"W.), 16 feet above the water and skeleton tower with a red triangular daymark.

Tree Island appears as a clump of trees just N of Gain Island. At low water Tree Island appears at the end of a spit off Gain Island; in reality it is a part of Gain Island. About 0.3 mile NW of Tree Island is a much

water Tree Island appears at the end of a spit off Gain Island; in reality it is a part of Gain Island. About 0.3 mile NW of Tree Island is a much larger unnamed island, which is wooded. Two pinnacle rocks, covered 2½ and 2 fathoms, are 0.4 mile and 0.6 mile, respectively, NW of the unnamed island. Once past these rocks, the inner bay is relatively clear. Anchorage, with good protection from all but SW winds, is in the bight about 1.4 miles NNW of Gain Island, in about 11 fathoms with sand and mud bottom.

Snug Cove, on the S side of the inner bay about 2 miles WSW of Church Point, has anchorage in 15 to 20 fathoms, soft bottom. Small craft find good protection here in 4 to 7 fathoms. Large vessels reach the cove by way of the channel close E of Church Point, Gain Island, and the unnamed island to the NW; two charted rocks are about 500 yards NNW of the unnamed island with a shoal of 8.9 fathoms between the south rock and the NNW end of the unnamed island. A S course can then be laid to pass about midway between the unnamed island and Muse Island, 0.7 mile to the SW. Only small boats can navigate the passage between Church Point and Gain Island because of the rocks. The preceding paragraphs have pointed out the channels into Gambier Bay and the dangers to be avoided. Specific courses would be of little help and could be confusing. The navigator should pay close attention to the chart.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Juneau Commander

17th CG District Juneau, Alaska (907) 463-2000



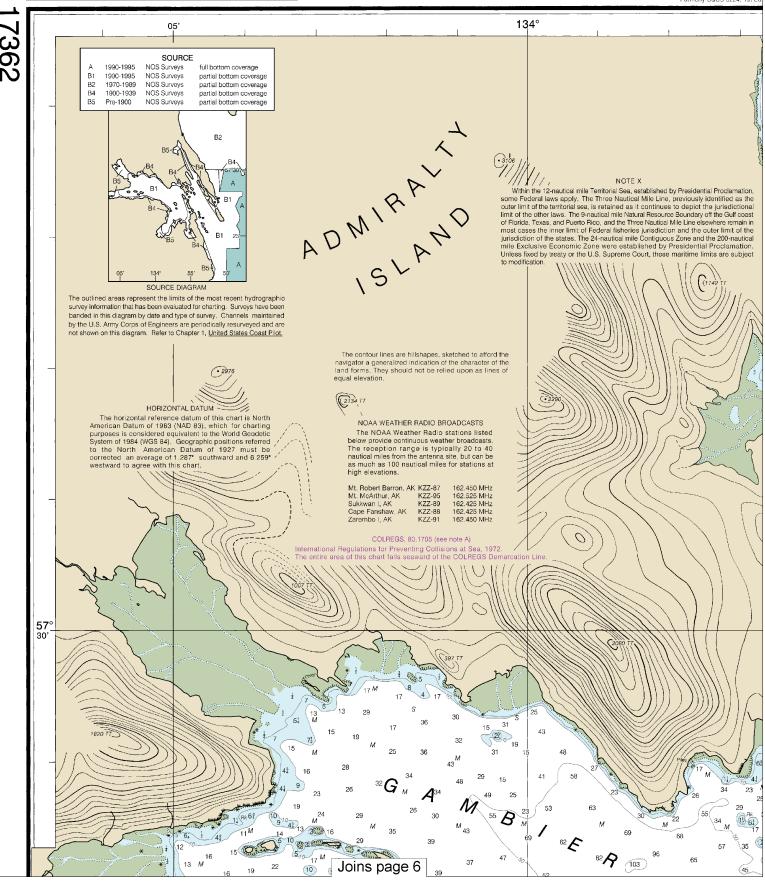
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## Lateral System As Seen Entering From Seaward on navigable waters except Western Rivers





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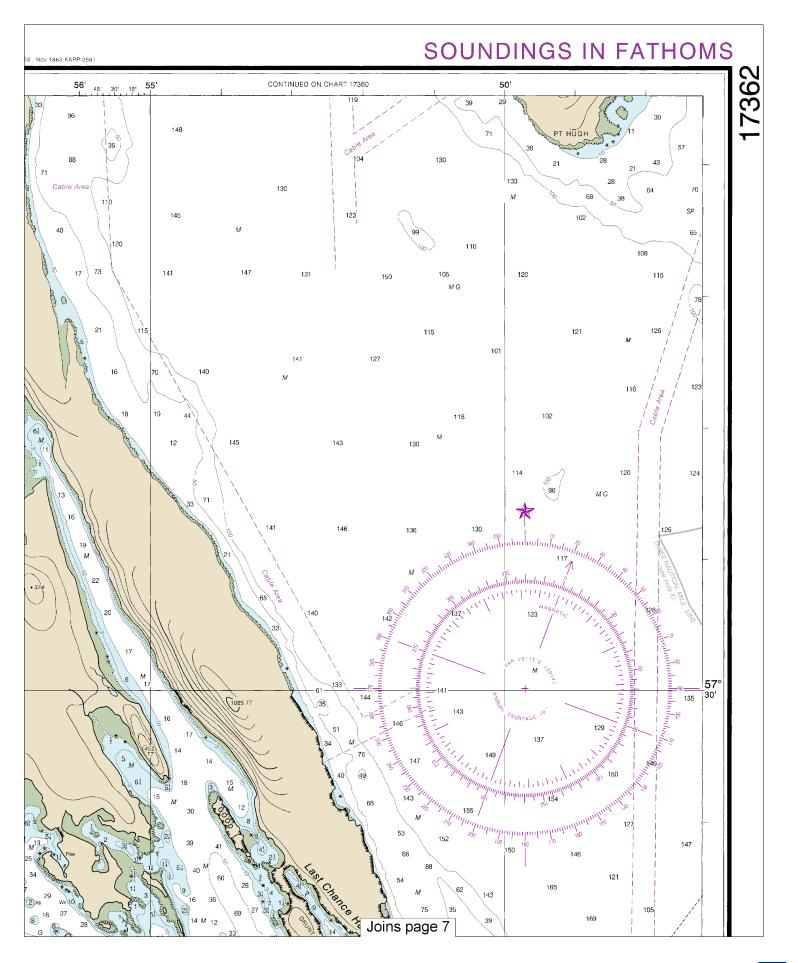
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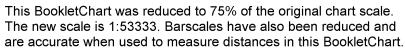
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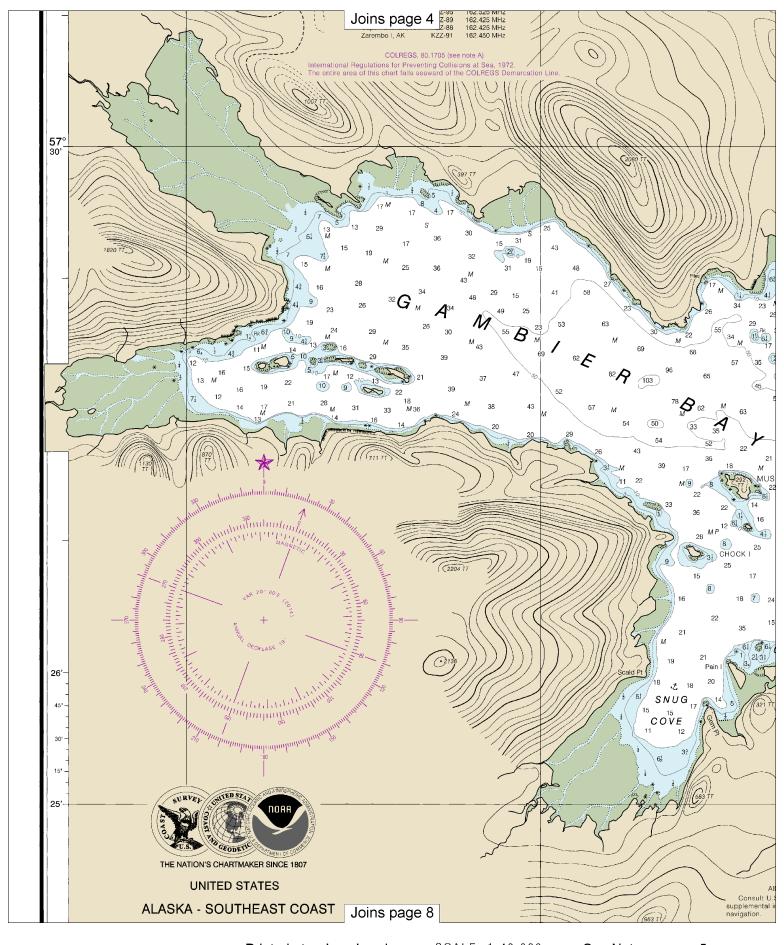
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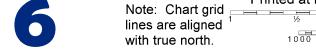
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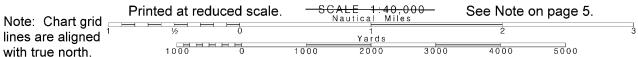
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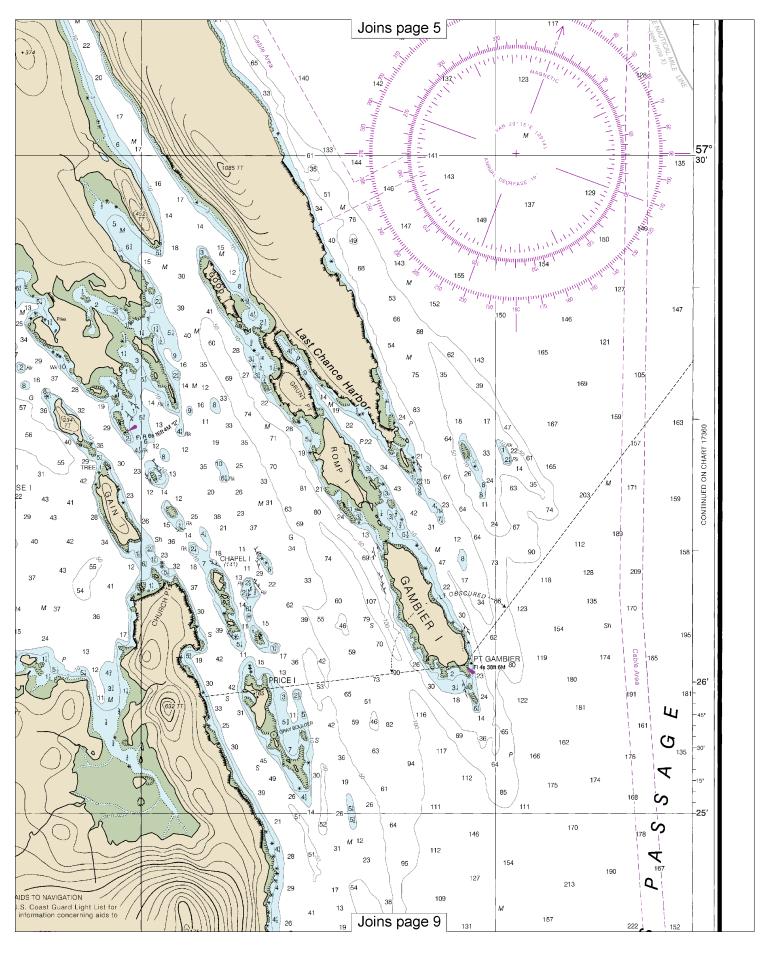


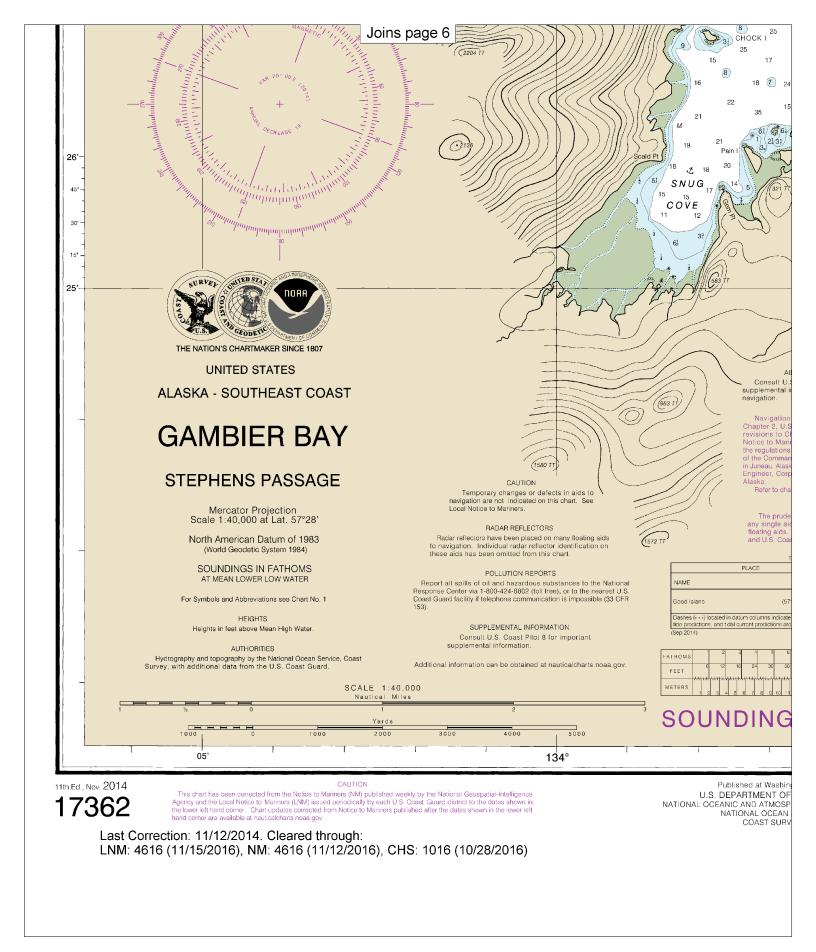








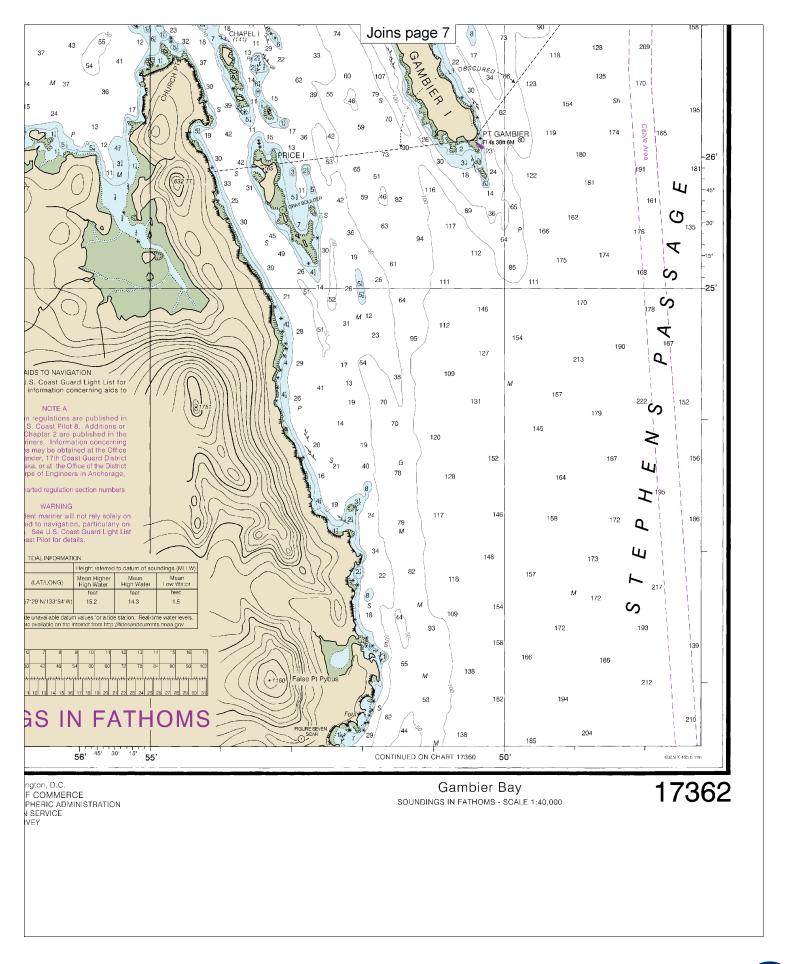






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#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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